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DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
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Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects sanctioned by the Government for development of North Eastern Region particularly in Assam during each of the last three years and current year, til! date Project-wise, State-wise;

(b) the amount sanctioned by the Government for each project;

(c) whether the Government has prepared any perspective plan as well as vision document on the future development of NER;

(d) if so, the detail thereof along with the thrust areas identified, target fixed for its finatization; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to check the misutilisation of funds released for such projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a) The Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region sanctions development projects from Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR). The total number of projects sanctioned under this Scheme during each of the last three years and current year, till 30.11.2005 for each state is given as under;

State Number of Projects Sanctioned since 2002-03 up to 30.11.2005

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	Total
Arunachal Pradesh	11	1	3	10	25
Assam	8	10	43	22	83
Manipur	15	o	19	1	35
Meghalaya	6	1	3	4	14

Mizoram	5	11	0	1	17
Nagaland	6	6	2	4	18
Sikkim	5	3	13	0	21
Tripura	3	0	4	4	11
TOTAL	59	32	87	46	224

The North Eastern Council (NEC) also sanctions projects for development of North Eastern Region including Assam. The details regarding NEC Schemes are being collected from NEC Secretariat at Shillong.

(b) The project-wise amount sanctioned for each of the projects sanctioned under NLCPR is given in Annexure-1.

(c) & (d) NEC has been mandated to formulate a perspective plan called - VISION NER 2020. The process of identifying the thrust areas has not yet been completed. The final Vision document is targeted for finalization by first quarter of 2006-07.

(e) These projects are implemented generally by the State Government or agencies appointed by them. The Planning and Development Department of the State concerned has been entrusted with field inspections of the projects. For each new project, the State is to identify a nodal officer who has the responsibility of implementation of that project on schedule. Besides, the State Chief Secretary has been entrusted with the responsibility of quarterly review of each of the projects and to send the proceedings of the quarterly review.

The Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region also, from time to time, reviews the progress of each project with the Chief Secretary and other officials of the State government. In addition, officers of this Ministry also visit the project sites to review and monitor the progress of these projects.

Moreover, this Ministry takes steps like conducting of Special Audits or Concurrent Audits by the Comptroller & Accountant General of certain selected projects so that they are properly implemented by the respective State Governments or the agencies identified by them. External evaluation of project implementation by independent agencies in some cases is also undertaken.